



Speaker's Update

March 31, 2022

Dear Delegates,

I hope that this update finds you and your family healthy and well. We are quickly approaching our return to live HOD meetings. Please follow the steps related to COVID-19 Safety measures. It was a quick process and only took me a couple of minutes to enter my vaccination information.

We plan to release the HOD materials in the next few weeks after a few resolution details are finalized. I would like to thank the House Officers and Governance Staff for a great meeting this past weekend to review all materials and plan for the HOD. We did our work in record time and enjoyed being together in person. The meetings team has been a huge help!

Please be aware of the May 6th deadline to complete COI disclosures and to identify who the voting delegates will be for your delegation. As a reminder we are using the same voting technology as we did in the last HOD and this requires us to identify the voting delegates so that the system will recognize the delegates and count their votes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tom Shoemaker or any of the House Officers.

As part of the House Officers commitment to transparency and member engagement, I will be authoring a series of articles for AAPA's News Central related to the purpose, work, process and important role of the HOD. You can view the first article [here](#).

COVID-19 Safety Measures at AAPA 2022 & the HOD – Next Steps

We are committed to making this year's in-person conference and HOD meeting as safe as possible for all attendees, exhibitors, sponsors, vendors, staff, and speakers. Please review AAPA's [conference policies](#) and [safety measures](#) and be sure to check the webpage frequently for updates aligning to the CDC's guidelines. [Attached to this communication is more information on next steps to take to ensure your check-in and credentialing go smoothly.](#) Please contact meetings@aapa.org if you have any questions.

2022 HOD Meeting Materials Webpage

The [HOD landing page](#) has been updated to include a link to the webpage which will house all of the meeting materials for the 2022 HOD. This page will be updated frequently as information becomes available, so please ensure that you check it frequently for new HOD information. Recent documents added include the [final meeting agenda](#) and the [HOD Standing Rules Committee report with proposed changes](#). Five-Year Policy review recommendations for

consideration at this year's HOD, links to the current HOD delegate list and compliance pages, 2021's HOD Summary of Actions, and an important legal memo reminding delegates of their fiduciary responsibilities are also available now.

New HOD Volunteer Appointments

On behalf of the House Officers, I would like to thank all who stepped up and completed a volunteer form. The House Officers have finalized the following appointments for this year's House of Delegates:

Reference Committee A

- Chair, Rebecca Loveless, PA-C (Missouri)

Reference Committee B

- Chair Rachel Weinzimmer, PA-C (Colorado)

Reference Committee C

- Jason Prevelige, PA-C (Connecticut)

Note: Reference Committee Members and Secretaries will be announced in the next edition.

Credentialing Committee

- Lane Bower, PA (Pennsylvania)
- Michael Dombrowski, PA-C (Ohio)

HOD Mentors

- Theresa Gavula, PA-C (Oklahoma)
- Sue Reich, PA-C (North Carolina)

Chief Teller – Janna Harris, PA-C (Pennsylvania)

Computer Teller – Aaron Weber, PA-C (Michigan)

Elections Committee Member – Melinda Rawcliffe, PA-C (Arizona)

Disclosure & Conflict of Interest (COI)

Each new leadership year (July 1 – June 30), all Delegates are required to complete a disclosure/COI form as a part of the credentialing process. The form has been updated to allow submission of a single form for those of you who hold more than one leadership position with AAPA. To ensure your delegation is in compliance and prepared for any business that may come before the HOD, please submit your form TODAY!

ALL delegates must complete a COI no later than May 6. This is also the deadline to submit your delegates or make changes to your delegation. Delegates holding an apportioned/voting position as of May 6 will be locked in for the duration of the HOD meeting and determine the eligible voter list, which will be shared with our AV vendor and programmed into the voting software. This also applies to our third-party election vendor regarding which delegates will receive a ballot in the HOD Election.

- [Introductory Video about Disclosures and COIs](#) (1 minute)
- [Disclosure & COI Policies and Procedures](#)
- [Disclosure & COI FAQs](#)
- [Disclosure and COI Form](#)

CO Compliance for HOD

To further assist COs in remaining in compliance throughout the year and eligible to have representation in any HOD business that is conducted, a compliance document (attached to this email) has been created to easily view the status of your CO by checking the color coding for your organization as shown below.

1. COs that have submitted their officers/delegates, all of whose AAPA membership is current, and are in compliance at this time
2. COs that have submitted their officers and delegates, but are not in compliance at this time due to an officer (or officers) no longer having current AAPA Fellow membership
3. COs that have not submitted their officers and/or delegates and are not eligible to participate in any HOD business at this time

Note: Current AAPA membership is an essential component of HOD compliance. Given that memberships come up for renewal between now and the May HOD meeting, we will share an updated document each month leading up to the HOD, reflecting the above status data.

To check your CO's officer and delegate membership expiration dates, visit the compliance webpage (login required) which can be accessed on the [HOD landing page](#). Per AAPA policy, for compliance purposes, core officers are president, president-elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or secretary/treasurer. An individual serving in any of these positions is expected to remain in good standing as an AAPA Fellow throughout their term in office. The same membership expectation exists for CO delegates.

Delegate Orientation Scheduled

Mark your calendar. The delegate orientation will occur **VIRTUALLY** on Thursday, May 12 from 8-9 pm EDT. All delegates will receive a Zoom invitation in early May.

HOD & AAPA 2022 Registration and Housing

All CO Delegates should have received an email from Tom Shoemaker (tshoemaker@aapa.org) about registration and housing opening for AAPA 2022 and the HOD meeting being held in Indianapolis, IN. The HOD will meet from Friday, May 20 – Sunday, May 22. AAPA 2022 will be held May 21-25. Contact Tom if you did not receive this information and promo code(s) to register.

The HOD meeting and AAPA 2022 will be in-person events with no virtual or hybrid options.

If you have not yet registered, you will first need to select [full conference registration](#) to begin the registration process even if you will only attend the HOD meeting. Once you enter the applicable promo code and get to the payment screen, you will see the price change to the correct amount. If you have any issues with registering, please reach out to [Mairi Gardner](#) in AAPA's Meetings Department.

Even if you are only able to attend the HOD meeting, all delegates are invited to attend the conference General Session on Saturday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Convention Center, and the Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall directly following this General Session. The HOD will conclude its business early on Saturday to support attendance at these events.

New Fellow Membership Options Available

Find your best membership fit. Choose your classic Fellow Professional, upgrade to Fellow Plus for lots of free high-value specialty CME on Demand – or select Fellow Premium for AAPA Conference on Demand and AAPA Conference registration included in your dues.

Musculoskeletal Galaxy Conference

Learn critical orthopaedic topics from expert faculty at this popular conference! This course is designed to provide PAs and NPs with a well-rounded foundation on the essential orthopaedic topics. It's the perfect course if you are new to orthopaedics or if you are a family medicine, emergency medicine, or urgent care provider who sees musculoskeletal conditions in your daily practice.

The June 22 – 26, 2022 event in Denver features:

- 3.5 day general course full of interactive orthopaedic sessions
- Optional half-day pre-courses
 - Hands-on Acute Care Splinting and Casting Workshop
 - Hands-on Musculoskeletal Injection Workshop for Beginners
- Networking opportunities with colleagues

You can access more information [here](#).

Quick Links

- [Previous Speaker's Updates](#)
- [Delegate List](#)
- [Delegate Notification Form](#) (if only submitting Delegates)
- [Delegate Change Form](#)
- [CO Annual Update Form](#) (if submitting Officers & Delegates)
- [2021-22 AAPA Policy Manual](#)
- [Current policies being reviewed for 2022 HOD](#)
- [Resolution Guidelines](#)
- [Policy Paper Guidelines](#)

- [2021-22 HOD Apportionment](#)
- [2021 Summary of Actions](#)
- [2021 HOD Category II CME Certificate](#)
- [HOD Home Page](#) or www.aapa.org/hod

Thank you for all you do for the profession and for the Academy.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T Pickard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T".

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